

statutes did not permit a parole supervision fee as was, at that time, being planned by the Parole Administrator...

SENATOR HALL: One minute.

SENATOR PIRSCH: ...to help with some of these costs. So, LB 277 was introduced to provide the statutory permission that is being sought by the Department of Correction and the Parole Administrator. The Parole Administrator has indicated that revenues gained pursuant to implementing a parole supervision fee would be used to establish a Scottsbluff Parole Office, two additional parole officers in the Omaha district, and additional secretarial support in their central office. I think that it's fair that those who are receiving the benefit of parole contribute, and this will be a fair contribution, certainly with the committee amendments limited, and something that we can do to not only assist for better supervision of parolees, but also fair enough that if they do go on parole they contribute to that cost.

SENATOR HALL: Time. Thank you, Senator Pirsch. Senator Wehrbein, your light is next.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. President, members, I want to ask a question, I'm not sure who to ask, Senator Lindsay maybe.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Lindsay, would you respond?

SENATOR LINDSAY: I'll try.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Do you know how long the average parole is, typical parole?

SENATOR LINDSAY: I don't, Senator.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I was wondering how long this would be an ongoing expense? Senator Pirsch, do you have the...

SENATOR HALL: Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: (Microphone not activated immediately.) ...months is the average, nine months.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Nine months. So this would be an ongoing expense, in that case, for eight months, missing the first?